

Faith Community

LUTHERAN ELCA

May 2006 Newsletter

Monthly Newsletter

Volume 6, Issue No 4

New FCLC Website!!

Go check out the new & improved Church Website!
Page 7



Christian Education

Easter Extravaganza! Communion and kids explained.
Page 4



Women of Faith Conference

Sign up now!
Page 15

"What's on Tap"

by Kristen Baltrum
Page 6



The View from the Coffee Cup

Pastor Bruce's thoughts
Page 3



Youth News

Look here for NEW Youth News!
Page 8

9775 Hwy. 66, Longmont, CO 80504 - Services 8 AM & 11 AM Sun, 5:30 PM Sat - www.FaithCommunityLutheran.org - (303) 776-8771

Pastor's Notes

by Pastor Dan Hansen



A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you... Stop doubting and believe." John 20:26 & 27

1) On seeing life through "Easter" eyes...

Jesus' words to Thomas are also a good Word for you and me, as well, "Peace be with you... Stop doubting and believe." What good news for us as we live with our daily worries: Will we meet our deadlines? Will we find a job? Will our sick loved one get well? Although, we don't always know what the future holds, it's comforting to remember who holds our future! In this Easter season, may we learn to look at life through "Easter" eyes, placing our hope and trust in the One who was raised from the dead. And, let's not forget how the story ends—that Thomas is the one who declares, "My Lord and my God!"

Speaking of Easter, what a wonderful celebration of the resurrection we had. Since moving into our new sanctuary three years ago, we've enjoyed some modest growth in the mid-800's for our Easter attendance. This year however, we jumped to 1036 for the morning, so we feel very blessed about that. A huge "thank you" to all the musicians and choir who gave us the entire morning--plus rehearsals; and to the "army" of servants who helped with sound, ushering, greeting, etc. Wow, what a big team effort! We're thrilled, too, with your generous support of the Easter breakfast, which Peter Konicek (Senior @ Skyline) chaired and organized. Over \$2000 was raised for our summer



Workcamp mission trip; we hope to receive some matching funds from Thrivent for Lutherans, as well.

Indeed, we are feeling very blessed about our entire Lenten season this year. The worship and soup supper attendance was outstanding and I really believe the "Cross Words" theme, the Lenten dramas and worship were all very meaningful this year. Thanks again to everyone who helped!

2) On our Outreach Sunday...

No doubt one of the most exciting things God is doing in our church is expanding our outreach. What a wonderful display of outreach projects we will have this Sunday and how exciting to hear of the many ways in which God is using us to reach out to the world. And I really believe that a key ingredient in this ministry was our willingness as a congregation to commit the "first fruits" of our offerings (now 20%) to go right out the door to various outreach ministries and projects. It's very exciting to see how the Spirit is calling us in new directions of ministry and outreach!

4) On our summer worship...

In an effort of "balance" the growing attendance of our two Sunday services, we're exploring the possibility of changing our early service to 8:30 at some point, which we believe might be a more attractive time for young families, as per one of our "core values" of being a "kid-friendly" church. Regardless, we'll be continuing our regular liturgies with our various worship teams at both the early outdoor service and the 11:00 indoor service this summer. We believe this will give our visitors a more unified picture of what worship here at Faith Community looks like, and this will simplify our bulletin preparation a bit, too.

5) On our worship prayers...

I know that there is nothing wrong with praying silently, but in terms of our witness to our visitors, I would suspect that it sometimes appears that we are not quite prepared to pray. A special challenge to all of you—*especially our staff, council, ministry committees and Sunday School teachers*—please remember to faithfully lift up your ministries and concerns as a part of our worship services, OK? It may very well be that our prayer time says more about us as a congregation than our music or our preaching or our teaching—so let your lights shine!

6) On our giving....

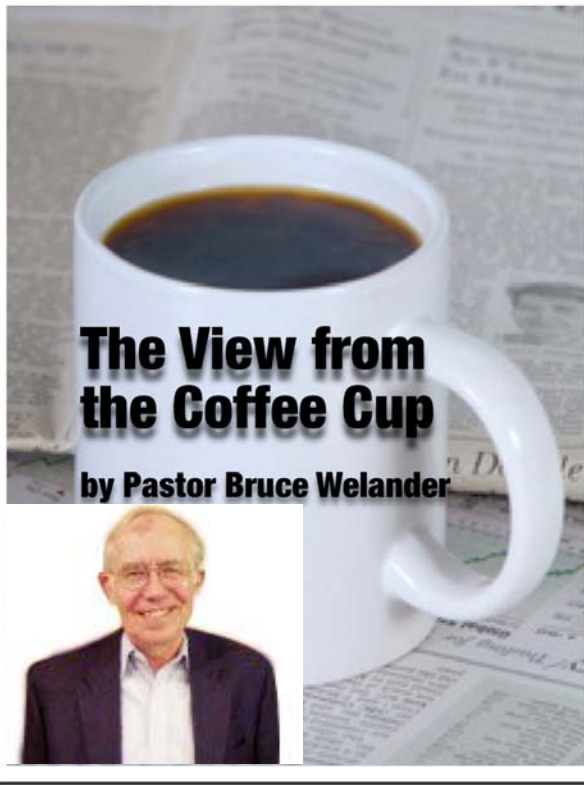
At some point in our faith journey, we learn that we are called to serve the Lord with our time *and* talents *and* treasure—not our time *or* our talents *or* our treasure. Can you imagine a young husband saying to his bride, "I'll love you, but my money is mine!" Or a parent saying to a child, "I love you, but my money is mine!" You see, actions speak louder than words and that's probably why Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be."* Just as our congregation has made a commitment of practicing "first-fruits" giving (and have been blessed!), we encourage you to practice "first-fruits" giving. And we trust that you, too, will be spiritually blessed.

8) On our new Sunday Servant Coordinators...

This has really helped us a lot. As churches and organizations grow, new ways of "doing business" tend to be needed and this system seems to spread the work of scheduling Sunday Servants around a bit better. Having said that, I still dream of the day that we can see the Sunday Servant duties as "ministries" that we commit to for a "season" so that the scheduling load is lightened a bit for our coordinators. You can imagine how hard it would be for Nanette if she had to recruit new teachers week after week. Thankfully, people tend to commit for a "season." And you can imagine how hard it would be for Dawn if she had to recruit new choir members week after week. But again, thankfully, people usually commit for a "season." Someday, I hope we'll have greeters and ushers and communion servants who will commit for a "season," as well!

"He has done marvelous things; I too will thank Him with a new song!"

Your partner in ministry, Pastor Dan



Recently I was cleaning out some old files of mine at home, throwing out some old VISA receipts. One of the items I was about to toss was from a gas station in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where I had driven last April to visit an old friend. It was a standard gasoline receipt, including the number of gallons, the price per gallon, etc. But then at the bottom, right under the date and time it added some words in large print. It said, "WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT COFFEE." That's when I knew that I had gone to the right place. No wonder my car had a surge of power that day!

Also, that receipt got me to ask the question, "What are we really serious about here at Faith Community?" After three years here, and with some very recent observations as well, let me suggest several things that we really seem to be serious about.

First, we are certainly serious about the very center of the Christian faith, the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and his eternal reign as our Lord and Savior. Lent and Easter here at Faith Community were inspiring for me, and our services were very well attended. We were really serious about the Words from the Cross that formed our Lenten theme and that led us into the wonderful celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Also, we are serious about the place of children in our church. A few weeks ago, I was amazed at the number of children at our Good Friday evening service, and throughout Lent I was struck by how attentive so many of our kids were to the message that we are rightly so serious about.

Something else that this congregation is very serious about is prayer. I was struck by this from the time I first came here. I continue to be pleased at how frequent and earnest our prayer chain emails are. We take seriously the need to pray, and the power of prayer.

Along with that, it is clear that this congregation is serious about the Word of God. I am delighted at the role of Bible study and Bible reading here. It is essential to be serious about Scripture.

Speaking of Scripture, many of us have been taking the Book of Revelation very seriously, as we have been studying it on Sunday mornings since last September. In order to be finished by Memorial Day (when there will be no Sunday School classes, including mine), I'll be accelerating the pace considerably as we finish our Sunday studies in Revelation with sessions on May 14 and May 21, and the "Cliff Notes" version on Tuesday, May 16. Even if you haven't been able to attend this class before, you are welcome to these final sessions.

At Faith Community we also take our members' gifts and talents quite seriously. This is the focus of our summer educational theme, starting June 4. My own involvement will include some Sunday Bible studies on, and theological explorations of, spiritual gifts.

Also, at this church we are serious about dealing with contemporary issues and challenges. With the upcoming release of the DaVinci code movie, I will probably devote a couple of my summer Sunday School classes to analyzing the Biblical, theological and church-historical issues that this film raises.

These are a few of the most important things that we are serious about here at Faith Community. We certainly have lots of laughter in this church. Serious does not mean somber. But I'm glad that we're really serious about the really significant things.

By the way, we're also serious about coffee.
Caffeinatedly yours, Pastor Bruce Welander



FCLC Christian Education

God's Blessings, Confirmation Class, 2006!

Please remember these 8th graders in your prayers as they participate in the Confirmation questioning, reading of faith statements and the Confirmation service on the weekend of May 6-7. Marcus Cardenas, Craig Cogdill, Kim Cullian, Luke Embree, Becca Foster, Bryce Goertz, Amanda Held, Morgan Lastrup, Johnny Mercer, Andra Mesch, Taylor Nehls, Katie Noble, Aaron Praska, CC Rhinehart, Nathan Schemmel, Steven Schumacher, Chelsea Uhly, Ben Walder, Amanda Webb

"What's So Spiritual About Your Gifts?" Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

Reorient your thinking to Biblical teaching on the Holy Spirit's role in your life, clarify the difference between natural talents and spiritual gifts, and help get in step with God's purpose in your life. Beginning May 17, 9:30-11 AM in room 230, the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin this Henry Blackaby study based on his book of the same title. Need a book? Cost is \$4. Contact Nanette to order.

What do "Clay Pots, Wise and Foolish Builders, Christmas, World Missions, Vines, Bread, Light and Holy Week," all have in common?

Come to the "WHAT I LEARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

FESTIVAL FINALE" to find out!

Sunday, May 21, 9:30-10:30 am

In the Education Wing
Parents, come with your children and discover what we have been learning in Sunday School this year. Play the Bible-based games at our Festival Finale booths, created and staffed by the Sunday School classes. Need more information? Ask a Sunday Schooler!

Summer of Gifts

Beginning Sunday, June 4, one-session classes on various topics and interests will be offered during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 am), taught by members of FCLC. (What an amazing, let me repeat. . .AMAZING variety of classes will be offered!) Each week, classes for all ages will begin with a prayer, theme related Bible reading and a short devotion.

So, don't take the summer off in 2006! Register using the registration packet and course catalog available in your church mailbox beginning May 6. Wow, you sure don't want to miss out! Summer sermon themes will also focus on God-given gifts and spiritual gifts. Take a look at the course catalog today!

Not too often do you get the chance to celebrate three (count 'em 1, 2, 3) major **EVENTS** at the same time. But here's your chance!!!



Event #1: Cindy Hansen's Big 5-0 Birthday!

Event #2: Cindy Hansen's completion of radiation treatments!

Event #3: Cinco de Mayo!
So mark your calendars now, all you Faith Community Lutheran-ites, and come to this

FIESTA

Friday, May 5, (Cinco de Mayo!)

*7-9 pm at the Hansen's home
(2713 Falcon Drive)*

What can YOU bring?

- How about that spicy Mexican appetizer you've been meaning to try?
- Or maybe this is the excuse you need to visit one of those Mexican panaderias or pastelerias and support the local economy?
- Bebidas tambien!

Questions? Contact Nanette

nanette@faithcommunitylutheran.org

Christian Education Dates to Remember

- **May 5, 7-9 pm** Fiesta for Cindy Hansen! (2713 Falcon Drive)
- **May 6, 7:00 pm** Confirmation Questioning/Reception Congregation is invited!
- **May 7, 11:00 am** Confirmation at 11 am Worship
- **May 7, 6-7:30 pm** P.O.T.S. (Parents of TeenS) Bible Study
- **May 6,13, 20, 27, 8:30-9:30 am** FITBALL Bible Study/Exercise
- **May 10, 6-7:00 pm** Last Confirmation for 6th/7th grades
- **May 21, 9:30-10:30 am** "What I Learned In Sunday School" Festival Finale-in the Education wing
- **May 21, 6-7:30 pm** Great Dates Couples' Bible Study
- **May 22, 7-8:30 pm** Weavers of the Cloth-Devotion/crafts
- **May 28** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- **June 4, 9:30-10:30 am** "Summer of Gifts" Summer Sunday School for ALL ages begins!
- **June 8, 9-9:45 am** **THE KNEE-SITTERS' CLUB** begins!
- **June 12, 7 pm** **VBS Planning meeting-The One and Only! We need YOU!**

GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education: Nanette Goings (303-772-6269)

Education Chair: Rhea Hoops (303-772-2457)

Nursery News

Happy April everyone! I hope your Easter was a special and blessed event. Did everyone notice that the nursery paint job is finished? I hope everyone likes it. The kids seem to enjoy it! We are still waiting on cabinets and a few other odds and ends that will make it a little more user friendly. Hopefully it will all come together and be finished soon! Thanks again Amy Miller and Heather Gomez for all your hard work. Oh, and I'd better not forget to thank my husband, Shawn, for helping out too! I'm still looking for someone with sewing skills who can make simple curtains and pillow covers. So if you know anyone, who can help out, ask them get in touch with me.

Thanks you continue to be in order for several others in the congregation as well. All the donations of videos, diapers, wipes, sippy cups, toys, and other items are so much appreciated. I also would like to say a HUGE thank you to those who volunteered this month in the nursery who don't have kids. Jill Woo Ching, Laura Carver, Kathleen Schelert, Katherine Spencer-Inskeep, Torey Taylor, and Renee McDermid - THANK YOU SO MUCH! We've had some amazing help from the youth in the congregation as well this month. Maria Woo Ching, Christina Woo Ching, Mallory Mueller, Serana Hubert, Rygell Hubert, Paige Holstine, Dallas Holstine, Jenna Schemmel, Sarek Lee, McKenna Inskeep, Ansley Elwood, William Elwood, Lauren Tway; I'm sure there are a few more of you out there that I've forgotten! Everyone pitched in and helped out with all the extra nursery needs making things go much smoother this year.

As always, if you'd like to volunteer, please call me at 720.652.0891. We love to have new faces to help out!

Finally, this is the first and probably only warning, for my annual spring cleaning in the nursery. I'm going to clean out, get rid of, or donate any toys that have been well loved, are broken, or are missing pieces; they will be leaving us, so if it's yours, get it out. Thanks everyone! Have a great month!

"What's on tap?"

**Thoughts poured from the spout of Kristen Baltrum,
Deaconess**



Do you have house keys? I am sure you do. If you use them to unlock your front door, you might first walk into your foyer. From there you might pass the living room on your way to the kitchen. Have you noticed that you have general, almost "surface talk" with people who never make it past your foyer? But those who make it to your living room, well, there you might sit down and begin to actually have conversation with one another. But then there are the friends who make it to your kitchen, where real life happens. It's the dinner conversation, it's "Homework Central," it's where agendas are made and tasks assigned. In the kitchen, all sorts of things happen and lives cross one another. So what are the "keys" to faith formation in youth, that unlock their hearts, where the real stuff happens in their relationship with Jesus?

David Anderson and Paul Hill answer that question in their book, Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear. (If you want to know what that title means, see me and I will be happy to explain it... and give you a copy of the book to read!) The four keys to faith formation in young people are: Family Ritual and Tradition, Family Devotions, Family Service, and Caring Conversation. We already do many of those things, but we don't consider them as "faith practices." Think about the annual birthday party—you do it every year, there are things that are expected to happen, it "wouldn't be the same" if one thing was out of line. That's a RITUAL!!! What about those nightly prayers with your child—that's a DEVOTION! Remember the family trip to drop Thanksgiving Baskets at the OUR Center? That's SERVICE! And what about those dinner time conversations listening to the ins and outs and highs and lows of each other's days? Yeah, you guessed it...CARING CONVERSATION!

These "Four Keys" are already happening in many homes within our congregation, but we don't realize they are there. It is important that we begin to see the things we are doing as faith practices, and in so doing give them new meaning and depth. We must intentionally take time to learn ways to grow those "tasks" from the wholesome activities that they are into opportunities to name Christ in our midst. These four practices are the keys to growing your kids to a mature Christian faith.

This summer, as part of the "Summer of Gifts Education Program," I will be focusing on the DEVOTION key. There will be a session on "Devotions at home with small children" and a session on "Devotions at home with teenagers." We will look at "why, what and how" of devotions. I will give you specific tools to help make this amazing opportunity a real gift in your home. Keep an eye out for sessions on the other three keys as well. Please take advantage of this time! As we deepen our own understanding of faith practices, we enrich the lives of our families and grow our kids in faith.

FCLC Website Has Gotten a NEW Facelift!

www.FaithCommunityLutheran.org

The new FCLC website is up, online, and active!! There are many new features and sections, so go and check it out! If there is anything you'd like to see added, please let Kirk Olson or Seth Goings know. In the coming weeks we'll be holding a session for staff and ministry heads to show them how to manage and update their respective content and sections.

Pastor Dan and Pastor Bruce's sermons are easily accessible from there, too!

Don't forget to pass thru the FCLC website when you want to order books and music. FCLC earns a FREE commission from **amazon.com** when you go to amazon through the FCLC website. This can be found through the **"Links" button**.

The **FCLC Online calendar** has been having some issues loading, due to bandwidth restrictions from our online calendar provider. We are aware of this, and are working on an alternative. In the mean-time, keep trying it, if it does not load right away..... It eventually will after a few tries.

The video under the "About Us" section requires **QuickTime** for either PC or Mac. If you don't have it, you can download it for FREE, also thru the **Links button**, under helpful downloads.

Youth and Household Ministry news!!!

DIVING DEEP GOING STRONG

This fun yet serious conversation among senior high students is a great way to deepen your faith journey and get to know your friends here at church even better. We are reading the book *"The Case for Christ"* together at each meeting (so there is NO homework!) and then discuss the different points and how they are relevant to our lives today.

Join us for this enlightening time!
Wednesday nights, May 3 and 17, 7:15-8:15 PM in the Fireside Room.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING AND WORKCAMP THE BIG PLANS FOR THE SUMMER

This summer, 7 of our youth will attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, TX the same week that another 35 of our youth will head to Lead, SD, for the annual Workcamp experience. Both of these events are life changing events in which young people experience being in the midst of Christ, both in large groups (the National Gathering will host over 20,000 students) and with individuals (like the residents the Workcampers will meet). Both events will strengthen the relationship the youth have with each other, and with Christ.

We give thanks for the adults who are giving up so much of their time to accompany the kids on their journeys: National Gathering—Ashleigh Bruns and Jeff Riemenschneider, Workcamp—Sililo Woo Ching, Larry Konicek, Mike Stover, Bob Alm, Tom Bilan, Kaydene Huber, Shannon Holstine, and Sally Meier.

The next meeting for the National Gathering group is May 7, at 12:30 PM in the Youth Room, and the Workcamp meeting is scheduled for May 14 at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

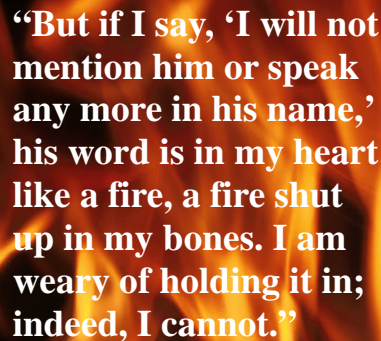
GIRLS LATE NITE COFFEE TALK

There's nothin' better than a hot cup of joe and girlfriends. Especially when the two are at the same time. Come join us for all sorts of great girl talk and some decaf on Tuesday night, May 30, at Café Luna (8th and Coffman). There is no agenda other than chit chatting about the day's events, so bring your friends!

GOD BLESS OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!!!

Our prayers and "Yahooies!" go out to this year's seniors: Kristi Bilan, Dianna Buckett, Katie Carver, Alex Chaney, Seth Goings, Kyle Gunther, Steve Hansen, Tom Hansen, Carly Hopp, Bre Johann, Austin Jurgensmeyer, Peter Konicek, Chad Lewis, Nikki Marshall, Kyle Mesch, Lindsey Moller, Mallory Mueller, Erik Polsdofer, Sven Raemer, Emma Stamp, Kendall Storaci, Kayla Tway, Emily Ward, Garrett Ward, Christina Woo Ching, and Maria Woo Ching!

There will be a special blessing for all at the 11 worship on May 21. Be there! YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



"But if I say, 'I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,' his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot."

Jeremiah 20:9

PARTY AT THE KRANTZ'S!!!

Yeah, you heard right. All you graduating seniors—come on over to the Krantz's for a celebration BBQ on May 21 right after late service. Burgers, dogs, and soda pop will be provided, but bring a side dish to share!

SPECIAL SURPRISE GUEST COMING TO YOUTH GROUP ON MAY 14!!!

You won't want to miss Sr. High Youth Group on May 14 from 1:30-3 PM!!! We will be talking about

Traveling with Jesus!

What the heck does this mean? It means a very special guest, who you all know and respect but chooses to remain anonymous to build the suspense, will be with us to talk about the tricks of the trade in staying in a relationship with Jesus no matter where you are. This person is well traveled, well connected, an eloquent speaker, and an inspiration to many. Be the first to guess who it is and win a prize!!

NO NEED TO CALL 911 FOR THIS FIRE! PIT TO BE CONSTRUCTED!

Our very own Property Guy Extraordinaire and Fire Fighter Bob Thoman has given us the go-ahead to build a fire pit and will even help us do it!!! Yahooie!!!

Come help out on May 13, Saturday, from 9-12. We will build the fire pit to the west of the parking lot near (but not too close) to the shed and then break it in with the first official Wienie Roast!!!

Safety First, though, so wear closed-toed shoes, heavy work gloves, and clothes that can get grubby! It is going to be a smokin' hot time! Pun intended....

YOUTH AND HOUSEHOLD MINISTRY "TOWN HALL" MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Do your teenagers participate in the ministry to, with, and for youth of this congregation? Why? Why not? Should they? What is in it for them? What is in it for YOU?

Come to this great opportunity for conversation with other parents about what this ministry is all about and how it can impact your household. We will talk a little bit about what it is we are up to in the first place. Then the floor is open for you to share your insights as the folks who live with these people we call "youth" and how this ministry is relevant to their lives, and yours. This is your chance to give some input to what the ministry looks like and how it happens!!!

The meeting is being offered TWICE for your convenience:

Tuesday night, May 9, 7:00 PM, and Sunday morning, May 21, 9:30 AM.



GOT STUFF?

As you've been admiring our beautiful new education wing have you noticed that anything is missing? Well if you've recently walked into the high school room you may have thought to yourself what a nice and spacious room, but it's rather bare. Aside from the two lonely coaches in the corner and an ultra cool air hockey table, the room is completely lacking furniture. We have high hopes of making this space a very welcoming, comfortable place where senior high students can come to worship, discuss, and just relax. In order to do so we need your help. If your house is anything like mine, then I know you have an unused end table here and there or maybe a lamp. So if you have any of the following items cluttering up your house that you would like to donate to the new youth room please contact Kris Baltrum or Mallory Mueller. **Here's what we need: comfortable chairs or beanbags, lamps, end tables, bulletin board, poster frames, board games, and "Four Square Recreation balls."** Not only will your donation be contributing to the comfort of the room but also to the meaning of the room. During our first youth group in our new room we all sat down and came up with the following covenant:

This room will be a place that young people can come to be encouraged to grow in a vital and authentic relationship with Jesus. Remembering that we are young children of God, growing in our lives and faith...

Here is what we think of the space in which we meet:

- *We shall keep this room fun but remember that it is Holy Ground.*
- *We shall respect the person who comes to this place and all that they bring with them.*
 - *We shall remember that we aren't called to serve ourselves but to serve Jesus.*
 - *We shall be an accepting, loving and close-knit community.*
- *We shall remember that we are called to reach others in need, both in and out of this group.*
 - *We shall always remember that Jesus is in our midst.*



VIA DE CRISTO

C O L O R A D O



"... But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

Via de Cristo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders; He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision; He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him.

Via de Cristo is a renewal movement of the church patterned on Jesus' example. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Via de Cristo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a *positive* influence on those around us.

What is Via de Cristo?

Literally meaning "way of Christ", Via de Cristo is a short course in Christianity that is designed to provide all Christians with a significant foundation for individual and community spiritual growth. Grace and Growth are combined in an exciting and energetic way. At the Via de Cristo the participants become increasingly aware that they are a part of a community abounding in God's grace. The three days are a triple encounter: with Christ; with Christian brothers and sisters; and with a Christian community.

History of Via de Cristo

Via de Cristo originated as the Roman Catholic Cursillo movement which began in Spain in 1948 and moved to America in the late 50's. The first Lutheran-sponsored Cursillos (the early name for Via de Cristo) were held in Miami, Florida in 1971. In addition to

the Roman Catholic and Lutheran movements there are similar expressions in the Methodist, Reformed, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christian churches. Today, more than 2 million Christians in 50 nations have attended a "Cursillo" weekend.

Format of The Weekend

The Via de Cristo weekend is an experience in Christian sharing and living. During the 72-hours, fourteen talks will be presented: Five talks are given by *Lutheran pastors* and nine by lay people. A final talk is given on sponsorship by the lay director. The weekend also includes chapel each morning, communion, small group discussions, sharing, music, singing, laughter, and prayer. The fourteen talks are discussed by the participants and will include a Christian perspective on the following subjects:

- Ideal
- Grace
- Lay People in the Church
- Importance of Study
- A Day in the Life of a Christian
- Apostolic Action
- Obstacles to a Life in Grace
- Christian Actions in the Community

Each of the talks deals with living one's life in God's grace.

Who Goes To Via de Cristo?

Via de Cristo is not designed to convert anyone to Christianity. It is meant for those who are already faithful and committed to Christ and His church. Once again, the goal of Via de Cristo is to encourage Christians in their lives of faith and increase their awareness of grace and service to the Church and the world. During a Via de Cristo weekend, those who have previously attended are called "The Team", and it is their responsibility to serve you in every possible way.

When is Via de Cristo Held?

Weekends in the Colorado movement are generally held three times per year. Men's and Women's weekends are held in March and November, and

a **Co-ed weekend** is held during **June** or July.

How Can I Attend Via de Cristo?

Contact the church office, or other members of FCLC who have attended, i.e. Pastor Dan & Cindy, Ed & Diane Broestl, Harlan & Janelle Olson, Kirk Olson, Shea Baker, Wayne & Kaydene Hubert, Ella Lien, Margaret Greene, Monte & Lorna Ott, and Jeanette Wittmer to name a few. In total, more than 40+ members from FCLC have attended a VdC weekend.

What Happens After The Weekend?

The weekend is only a beginning. What you learn and share during the weekend will hopefully be taken back and put into practice in your local congregation and community. You will be supported by many others who have attended a Via de Cristo before or with you. Small groups meet regularly (usually weekly) to affirm one another and to share the Christian life of Grace. These activities inspire, challenge, and encourage Christian action in homes, churches, and communities.

How Much Does The Weekend Cost?

It is our policy to not charge pilgrims (you) for the weekend. It is a gift from God.

May I Go with a Spouse or Friend?

Yes, we strongly recommend that spouses and friends attend a first Via de Cristo weekend together. Marriages and friendships can be strengthened and deepened by the Via de Cristo experience. Fall and Spring Colorado weekends are split into all men and all women weekends, with the men going first. Since 2001, there have been co-ed weekends in the summer. Spouses and friends are also encouraged to serve on teams together.

In Summary

Not everyone who attends a Via de Cristo weekend will receive the same benefit; but all who attend will be blessed, and most will be strengthened in their desire to be a blessing in their churches and Christian communities. www.ColoradoVdC.org

FELLOWSHIP CORNER

- ❖ THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all those who helped in making the Soup Suppers a success!! The Council ministry groups did a great job with set up, serving and clean up each week and we had a fantastic group of people that provided the delicious desserts we enjoyed every Wednesday. We'd like to extend a **Special Thanks to Jeanne Ruiz** for helping us with the soup and food preparation every Wednesday **and to Andrea Lee** for calling and coordinating each week's desserts. We couldn't do it without you!!!



- ❖ SEDER DINNER WAS A GREAT EVENT!!! We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Wayne Hubert and his wonderful helpers for the delicious meal they prepared and to all the great people that helped with set up, preparation, serving and clean up. Give a special thanks to Sally Meier; Karla Irvin; Ron Wormke; Shawn Wormke; Larry & Karen Odegard; Howard Nicoll; Chris Holstine; Donna Wallace; Lorna Ott; Kathe Schelert; Julie & Nick Knutson; Deb Bonner; Holly Lehnert; Cheryl Fishburn; Cheryl Johnson; Laura Lewis, Dakota & Montana; and Sililo & Jill WooChing and guests for giving their time to make this an enjoyable evening for all that attended. You thank you all for your willingness to volunteer your time. You're the best!!



Fellowship Co-Chairs,
Kaydene Hubert & Shannon Holstine

The Story behind the Easter Lilies

Many of you may not be aware that our Easter lilies are supplied by the Career Development Center (CDC), the vocational center for St. Vrain School District.

The Easter Lily sale to FCLC is a major project for seniors attending CDC. The FCLC order was the largest order they have ever taken from one customer. It involved more children, more supplies, and more coordination over all. The project challenged them to understand how real life situations can change the best laid plans (because it was such a large order-- 111 lilies!) and how the students solved the mass order.

Thank you, FCLC, for supporting the St. Vrain School District children again this year!

A huge "Thank you" to the "Lily Patrol" – Laurel Schemmel for helping me pick them up; the Saturday morning fitball ladies and Tara Jurgensmeyer for helping me set them out on Saturday morning; and Janelle Olson for helping unload and typing the bulletin insert; to all of you who furnished them for our Easter Lily Garden.

A big thank you to Pastor Dan, the best lily salesman I've ever known!

Peace, Sharon Kaiser



Worship Team Corner!



*"I want Jesus to walk with me,
I want Jesus to walk with me,
All along my pilgrim journey,
And I want Jesus to walk with me."*

Our family recently found out that our neighbors, the ones who moved in the same day we did almost two years ago, are moving back to Tennessee. Their family unit is splitting and the pain is obvious. Our two families became pretty close over the past two years with our kids and their kids playing. The Mom was our Michael's 3rd and 4th grade teacher, and the bond between the two of them is thick! We are saddened by their departure from our life and the boys may wander around the neighborhood in a daze for a while. Yet another transition in their young lives.

The month of May brings us spring and buds for new life. In our day-to-day, some of us are winding down from school responsibilities and what I like to call the church "crazies" is slowing down as well. Transitions are everywhere we look. Seniors are graduating from High School and College, Confirmants are stepping through an important door in their

faith journey, and children are wrapping up one grade and looking forward to summer fun! There are sad goodbyes and new and exciting hellos.

My Dad recently gave me a book from his library that I have been coveting. It is entitled Every Time I Feel the Spirit, 101 best loved Psalms, Gospel Hymns, and Spiritual songs of the African-American Church. It is a great treasure of stories behind the best loved spirituals. One of my favorites is "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me." (We have sung this over the years at FCLC.) Edward Boatner, the author, born in 1898, was the Composer and arranger of this song. He used a rhythmic pattern that musically resembles ones footsteps on the long journey of life, through trials, sorrows, and troubles. His longing for comfort in Jesus is so vivid and affecting, that this song, we are told, remains a favorite choral piece even today. African-American Christians found great comfort and encouragement in believing that life was only a journey -- a passing through to a better place.

On the road to Emmaus, the disciples didn't even know that Jesus was walking the road with them. Until their eyes were opened, did they see who accompanied them on their journey? As my pal, Deaconess Kris, said, "It is we who are changed on the road when we discover that Jesus was there all along."

Our pilgrim journeys differ, not one is the same. What we have in common though is that Jesus walks that road with us. Diane Sell
Worship Team Director

Just for fun:

Can you finish the line to the following songs that we have sung over this past year? If so, congratulations...these are the songs that have been introduced to the congregation as our theme songs since September! If you can't fill in the blank, that's ok - you will have plenty of time to hear and sing them again throughout the summer!

"Break the chains of injustice, let the oppressed go free, and share our homes with the homeless and our bread with the hungry...." Name this song "_____."

"We are all _____, from the cradle, to the grave...." "Oh let our hands praise the Lord, oh let our hearts praise the Lord, oh let our voices praise the Lord oh let our lives praise the Lord." Name of this song "_____."

"You give and take away, you give and take away, my heart will choose to say, Lord _____."

"What can a baby do in this world, it seems so out of control, what can a tiny baby of God, bring to a world dark and cold _____."

"_____ sleeper arise, _____ and I will give you life."

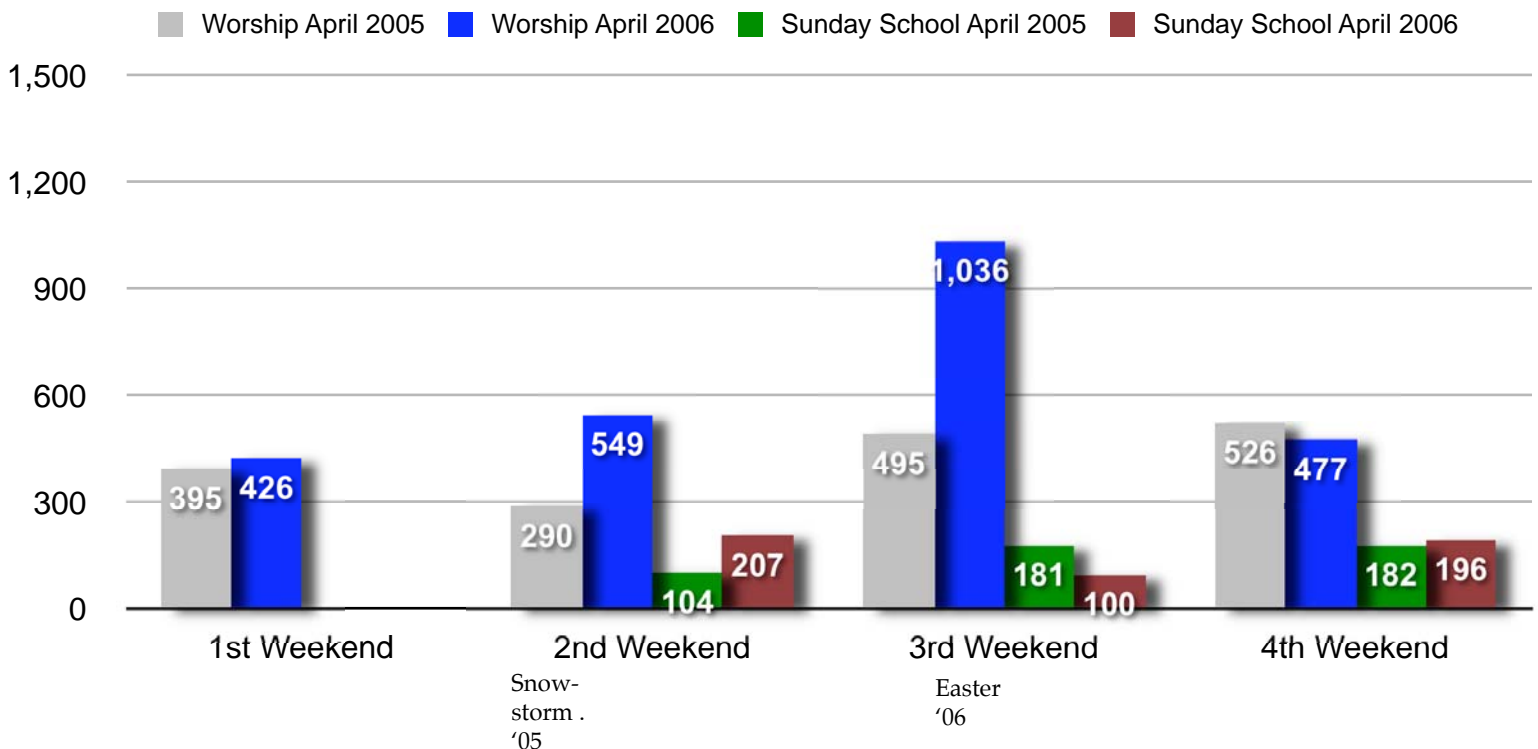
"You opened my eyes to your wonders anew; you captured my heart with this love because nothing on earth is as beautiful as you." Name this song "_____."

FCLC Council 2006:

President	Jill Krantz	Jkkconnect@hotmail.com
Vice President	Roger Olsen	rolsen424@aol.com
Secretary	Lisa Smith	Mlejsmith@lycos.com
Treasurer	Nancy Passot-Schumacher	npassot@comcast.net
Christian Education	Rhea Hoops	hoopsrd@msn.com
Fellowship Co-Chair	Shannon Holstine	shannon.holstine@mesanetworks.net
Fellowship Co-Chair	Kaydene Hubert	Wkrsae@juno.com
Outreach Co-Chair	Mike Gwinn	Megwinn7@netzero.net
Outreach Co-Chair	Marcie Mason	MIlmason@mindspring.com
Pastoral Care	Glen Bleeker	glhdbleeker@prodigy.net
Property	Dale Jurgensmeyer	dale.jurgensmeyer@alpharma.com
Property	Ron Parsons	rparsons@miltope.com
Stewardship	Joel Rothe	joelrothe@comcast.net
Worship & Music	Larry Konicek	Larrykonicek@aol.com
Youth	Jesse Demmel	jesse_demmel@yahoo.com



Growing at FCLC - Worship & Sunday School Attendance



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

May 1 Cliff Jensen
Dan Spencer
Rob Elwood
Meghan Ward
Matthew Bonds

May 2 Ray Stolpe
Teresa Riemenschneider
Jacob Cousins
Stian Sharpe

May 3 Val Wait
Simone O'Brien

May 4 Gail Felton
Patrick Greene

May 5 Marsha Tollefson
Matt Olson

May 6 Lothar Gruenberger
Diane Sell

May 7 Tom Gruenberger
Luke Embree

May 8 Marilyn Luttrell

May 9 Sam Van Winkle
Jace Herman

May 10 Anthony Pugh-Ruiz

May 11 Robert Bowers
Emily Noble

May 12 Debbie Polsdofer
Seth Goings
Marlee Van winkle
Oksana Schuppan
Christian Ruiz

May 13 Ansley Elwood

May 14 Sven Raemer

May 15 Rob Smith
Andrew Bladt

May 16 Karen Kovets

May 17 Jeanne Malone-Chowning
Mark Felderman



May 18 Teresa Gunther

May 19 Ewald Schelert
Diane Pugh

May 20 Federico Ruiz
Lindsay Droege
Andy Felderman

May 21 Wendell Tollefson
Conner Fushi
Andrew Peebles
Serana Hubert
Jillian Irvin
Chloe Miller

May 23 Allen Clauson
Lindsey Moller
Ryan Carlson
Elizabeth Ruiz

May 24 Sue Bachman
Sally Meier

May 25 Eddy Jordan

May 26 Elizabeth Pugh-Ruiz

May 27 Stephanie Spencer
Lara Howes

May 28 Melody Baker
Cliff Stewart
Matt Bauder
Alex Chaney
Zachary Vece
Mitchell Held
Lyndsey Stewart
Jake Kotula
Aiden Hajdas

May 29 Jonathan Jones

May 30 Megan Praska
Keenan Krantz

May 31 Scott Snyder
Michael Ciccone

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



May 4 Jon & Dawnia Roth

May 11 Bill & Melody Baker

May 12 Mike & Betsy Byrne-Cousins

May 13 Jesse & Sarah Demmel

May 15 Corey & Ashleigh Bruns

May 16 Scott & Terri Musser

May 17 Laurie & Curt Dirkes
Daniel & Laura Meyers

May 18 Robert & Paula Moore

May 19 Tom & Michelle Kramer
Mark & Andrea Johnson

May 21 Dale & Jane Jurgensmeyer
Dave & Kathy Droege

May 23 Doug & Katherine Spencer-Inskeep
Monte & Lorna Ott
Dale & Toni Nehls

May 24 Duane & Pat Sharp

May 25 Cody & Lara Howes
Cody & Mindy Gratny

May 27 Ben & Heather Gomez

May 28 Shelly & Brian Embree
Glen & Lisa Bleeker

May 29 Wade & Wendy Fott



WOMEN OF FAITH[®] contagious JOY 2006

AMERICA'S LARGEST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE!

Catch it in
a city near
YOU!

DENVER, CO
Pepsi Center — September 22-23, 2006

FEATURED
SPEAKERS/DRAMATIST (L-R)
Marilyn Meberg, Patsy Clairmont, Luci Swindoll,
Nicole Johnson, Sheila Walsh & Thelma Wells



CONTAGIOUS JOY!

You'll feel it in the music, hear it in the words of our special guests, and the Women of Faith speakers will explain how you can get it, keep it, and spread it around. It's not about your circumstances, your past, or your state of mind – it's about God and His plan for you.

FRIDAY 7:00 - 9:30 PM
SATURDAY 9:00 - 5:00 PM

2006 PRE-CONFERENCE

All Cracked Up



ALL CRACKED UP!

If you were on an assembly line, would the quality control inspector toss you into the reject pile?

Don't worry – God has a plan and a purpose for your life!

GOD STILL USES CRACKED POTS! HE WON'T THROW YOU AWAY.

Patsy Clairmont and Sandi Patty know what it's like to be cracked and broken. They've been there... and back again.

FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

2006 SPECIAL GUESTS



Max Lucado



Chonda Pierce



Kathy Troccoli

CONFERENCE PRICING PER PERSON

	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR
Premium Conference Package*	\$119	\$129
Standard Conference Package*	\$99	\$109
Premium Seating (10 or more)	\$65	\$75
Premium Seating (less than 10)	\$75	\$85
Standard Seating (10 or more)	\$45	\$55
Standard Seating (less than 10)	\$55	\$65
Box Lunch	\$8	\$8

*Conference package includes *All Cracked Up* Friday Pre-Conference and FREE workbook, *Contagious Joy* Conference, and box lunches for both days. Register at least 10 weeks before the conference in your selected city to receive the Early Bird pricing. See registration deadlines at womenoffaith.com. All prices are in US dollars and include applicable taxes. No refunds, no exchanges. Cannot be combined with any other offer.



PEPSI CENTER
Floor Seating — PREMIUM
Sections 102-260 — PREMIUM
Sections 301-380 — STANDARD

Bringing a group
of 10 or more?
Contact Tiffany Ferguson at
800-778-5856 ext. 398
or email at
tferguson@womenoffaith.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL **888-49-FAITH**
OR VISIT **WOMENOFFAITH.COM**

Date, Location & Special Guests are subject to change.

Mission Verse:

God's Spirit is on me:
He chose me to preach the
Message of Good News to the
poor, Sent me to announce
pardon of prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and
battered free, to announce,
"This is God's year to act!"
Luke 4:18-19

Our Vision:

In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.



Our Core Values:

To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:

- * Bible Centered
- * Prayer Centered
- * "Blended" Inspirational
Worship
- * Kid Friendly
- * Visitor Friendly
- * Model of the Priesthood of
Believers
- * Model of First Fruits Giving
(to various outreach projects)

EMAIL:

Faith Community: fclc@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Pastor Dan Hansen: dan@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Pastor Bruce Welander: bruce@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Administrative Assistant (Janelle Olson) janelle@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of Worship Teams (Diane Sell) diane@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of Choirs (Dawn Hajdas) dawn@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of Christian Education (Nanette Goings) Nanette@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of High School Youth & Family (Kris Baltrum) kris@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of Youth & Family Outreach (Cindy Hansen) cindy@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of Business Administration (Susan Moller) sue@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Nursery Coordinator (Mandy Wormke) mandy@FaithCommunityLutheran.org
 Director of Property & Maintenance (Bob Thoman) thomanonline@netzero.net
 Newsletter Editor: (Kirk Olson) Kirk@FaithCommunityLutheran.org

Faith Community Lutheran Church, ELCA

Volume 6, Issue № 4



9775 Ute Hwy 66
Longmont, CO 80504-9736

Church Phone: (303) 776-8771
Fax: (303) 772-1417

Return
Service
Requested

Nonprofit
US Postage PAID
Longmont, CO
Permit 300

May 2006

All God's People
Everytown, USA